

FALL OF ADRIANOPLE LIKELY TO OCCUR SOON

The Balkan Plenipotentiaries Look for its Capitulation in the course of a few days ---Delegates to Conference are keeping in close Touch with their Embassadors ---Powers want Turkey to Cede Adrianople but are not in Harmony on other Matters

London, Jan. 9.—The great powers have threatened armed intervention in the Balkan trouble if the Turks persist in their present attitude.

London, Jan. 8.—The capitulation of Adrianople will, in the opinion of the Balkan plenipotentiaries, take place within a few days either directly to the besieging forces, or through European pressure.

Pending some fresh development, the Balkan delegates are keeping in closest touch with the ambassadors, because they are aware that some of the questions they have most at heart depend almost entirely on the will of the powers.

Meanwhile the ambassadorial conference is doing little, hoping that the Adrianople difficulty will solve itself in some manner and thus make interference by the powers unnecessary. Moreover, this action of the ambassadors is hampered by the previous agreement that they must be unanimous in any decision requiring active interference.

Should the fall of Adrianople still be delayed, now that the conference is suspended, it might become imperative for Europe to intervene; otherwise Europe would lose the prestige entitling her to dictate her will in smaller matters, such as creating an autonomous Albania and partitioning the Aegean Islands.

ADRIANOPLE A PUZZLER

One suggestion is that failing a better solution, Adrianople might be ceded to the powers, who could transfer it to the allies after permitting the Turkish garrison to depart with the honors of war, and guaranteeing other conditions, as the preservation of religious and property rights to the Turks and the creation of special courts for the trial of civil disputes arising between the Muslims.

Some of those among the advanced section of the allied delegates are of the opinion that they have paved the way for the expulsion of Tur-

key from Europe, the powers ought to complete the work by removing Islam from Constantinople and transferring the Turkish capital into an autonomous city under European control, and that they should study some system with the object of giving a real civilized government to Asia Minor. If such steps are not taken, they declare that there will be a repetition in Asia Minor of what has just occurred in the Balkans.

One of the gravest aspects of the situation, as unbiased observers view it, is the failure of Austria to give any sign of demobilization in spite of Serbia's sacrifices for a peaceful solution, Serbia even going so far as to evacuate the Adriatic coast.

POWERS NOT IN UNISON.

Paris, Jan. 8.—It is learned here that the great powers have practically reached an agreement to advise Turkey to cede Adrianople, but the powers are not in harmony concerning the disposition of the Aegean Islands.

The Triple Entente—Great Britain, France and Russia—are inclined to back the desire of the allies for the cession of the islands to Greece, but the Triple Alliance—Germany, Austria and Italy—favor leaving to Turkey those islands near the Turkish coast, particularly those close to the Dardanelles.

Difficulty is being experienced in the settlement of the question of Albania, as Austria shows no disposition to modify her attitude. Austria is especially anxious to include Scutari within the limits of the new Albania.

It is understood that the powers will make no representations to the Porte before the end of the week.

The impression prevails in France that Austria will not demobilize until all the delicate Balkan questions have been definitely settled.

The presence of Serbian troops on the road to Durazzo and other Albanian points, has been a source of irritation to Austria, which shows no signs of retiring the Austrian forces from the Serbian and Albanian frontier.

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT ILL

Wife of Governor General Hurried to a Montreal Hospital Yesterday

Is Suffering From an Attack of Peritonitis and Her Condition is Very Serious

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The Duchess of Connaught, who is again seriously ill from peritonitis was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, this evening by special train, leaving the capital at 5 o'clock.

The attack, which is similar to that of May last when she was ill for some weeks in the same hospital, developed on Sunday evening. Major Worthington, the physician in residence to the royal household, summoned Dr. Garrow, the Montreal specialist, in consultation on Monday evening. At that time her royal highness' condition gave ground for no immediate anxiety.

Dr. Garrow returned to Montreal, but early this morning her condition grew serious. There was a further rise in temperature, with an increase in the abdominal pain and other bad symptoms. Dr. Garrow and Dr. Chipman, of Montreal, were summoned and came to Ottawa promptly by special train. After a consultation at noon with Major Worthington, the Montreal specialists advised the removal of her royal highness to the Royal Victoria Hospital for further treatment. This was done by special train at 5 o'clock.

Her royal highness was placed in a bed on board the governor-general's car and the three physicians were in attendance on the way to Montreal. The Duke of Connaught, the Princess Patricia, Colonel Lowther and the aides and other members of the royal household also went to Montreal.

Premier Borden met the royal party at the station before the train pulled out. His royal highness was to have been present at a dance to be given at the Chateau Laurier to-night by Col Lowther, but the function was, of course, called off this afternoon.

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POST-MORTEM HELD CASE OF MURRAY A. SCOTT

Inquest to Take Place Tonight---Understood That Evidence Will Show Drowning to Have Caused Death

The post-mortem on the remains of the late Murray A. Scott was completed at Douglas yesterday, the remains being exhumed upon the day preceding. Dr. S. F. Wainwright, the coroner under whose supervision the examination was held, has ordered an inquest to be held. It will begin at 7.30 tonight at the County Court House. The coroner's jury is as follows:

A. McL. Sterling, foreman; Edward McElvaney, Wesley Hamilton, Andrew McConaghey, Alfred King, Robert Forbes, Albert Boddington, Norman Hallett.

The deceased met his death at Monument Stream in December, drowning being given as the cause of death. After the remains had been interred the relatives of the deceased formed the opinion that the circumstances surrounding the death were not all made known and took steps to have the matter investigated. Judge Wilson some days ago issued an order for a post-mortem examination and Coroner Wainwright empaneled the jury to conduct an inquest.

As far as can be learned today the evidence obtained at the post-mortem showed that drowning was the cause of death.

Monday from her late home and interment made in the United Baptist cemetery at Patterson Settlement.

Hon. John E. Wilson, M.P.P., of St. John, is a guest at the Barker.

County Will Not Donate Medals to Normal School

Coun. Skeene's Motion Came Before the Board Wednesday Afternoon and Was Defeated by a Majority of Three---Principal Bridges Informed Committee That Gift Would be Very Acceptable---Expences of Delegates to Municipality's Convention at St. Stephen Causes Some Discussion

The proposal made at yesterday morning's session of the County Council to present to the Provincial Normal School a gold medal and also one of silver was defeated yesterday afternoon when embodied as a motion. The vote was a fairly close one, 15 to 12. The result was rather a surprise as it had been expected that the majority would favor the proposal.

The matter came up immediately after the Council resumed business in the afternoon.

Coun. Sterling reported for the committee appointed to confer with Principal Bridges of the Provincial Normal School on the matter. Dr. Bridges he said, had stated that the proposed medals would take the place of the cash prizes given by Ex-Lieutenant Governor L. J. Tweedie during his term of office for general proficiency and would be gratefully received.

Coun. Skene moved that the medals be donated to the Provincial Normal School.

The motion was lost on the following vote:

Yea—Thompson, Hunter, Griffin, Cowperthwaite, Neill, Harry Smith, Clarence Noble, Greene, Skene, Sterling, Walker, Pickard—12.

Nay—Stairs, Gilman, Murray, Essensa, Everett, Graham, Sloat, J. H. Noble, Morris, Morrison, Merrithew, Veysey, Clark, Hugh Smith, Grant—15.

Ex-Warden McMullin said that he had not voted, an unusual proceeding as far as he was concerned. He had acted as he had because he had not attended the meeting of the committee appointed to interview Dr. Bridges and had not been notified of its meeting.

Coun. Sterling and Coun. Skene explained that no discount was intended Ex-Warden McMullin. Dr. Bridges had come to the Council Chamber at the noon recess and they had met him. Ex-Warden Mullin had unavoidably been absent.

The ex-warden stated that he held no feeling against the other members of the committee.

The question of whether or not the Municipality of York was getting sufficient return from its membership in the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities was discussed at length by the County Council at its regular session this morning and the opinions expressed were to the effect that it did. Incidentally the tendency of corporations to get all they possibly could from the public was touched upon and the case of the C. P. R. was cited a large mileage of the lines used by that corporation in New Brunswick being relieved of taxation by legislation enacted in 1870. Secretary Treasurer Bliss pointed out that with the Union of Municipalities in existence such legislation would not be passed and that it was possible that an effort would be made to repeal it.

McADAM POLICE DISTRICT

In response to Coun. Sterling the Secretary Treasurer explained that should a police court district be established at McAdam or any other place in the county, prisoners convicted in the police court of such a district would be sent up directly for trial to the County Court and the saving to the county would be considerable.

To Coun. Grant the Secretary Treasurer stated that provision for outlying places about McAdam being included in the intended police district would be made in the necessary legislation.

On the motion of Coun. Grant it was decided to authorize the councillors from Canterbury to meet with those from McAdam at a late date to discuss the matter of having the Parish of Canterbury included with McAdam as a police district.

Coun. Clarence Noble moved the adoption of a by-law to permit cattle to run at large in the Parish of New Maryland but to prohibit horses, sheep, swine and geese from doing so. Carried.

UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES

Coun. Hugh Smith asked what in-

formation the delegates to the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities had received at that gathering for the expense incurred.

Secretary Bliss explained that the delegates had been Coun. Sterling, Coun. McMullin, Coun. Morrison, Coun. Skene and the Secretary Treasurer. Coun. Skene as warden had taken the place of the late Coun. Colter.

Coun. Sterling stated that he understood that Coun. Hugh Smith wished to be in a position to explain to his constituents what return was being secured from membership in the Union of Municipalities. Coun. Sterling briefly reviewed the conditions under which the disunited municipalities had been compelled to unite in order to protest against the encroachments of corporations. The New Brunswick Telephone Company had been fought by the Union of Municipalities successfully where the single municipalities had failed. The late Dr. A. W. McRae of St. John, one of the ablest lawyers in New Brunswick, had been retained by the Union and had appeared before the Municipalities Committee of the provincial legislature. As a result a law concerning the N.B. Telephone Company was placed on the Statute Books which otherwise would not have been placed there. Coun. Sterling pointed out other advantages secured through the united action of the part of the municipalities.

Coun. Essensa stated that he had been a delegate to the Union of Municipalities when it had met at Woodstock. He recognized the advantages of the Union although he sometimes thought that more should be accomplished.

IMPROPER RAILWAY LEGISLATION

Secretary Treasurer Bliss emphasized the ability of the Union of Municipalities to protect the counties against corporations, giving specific instances of the prevention of legislation objectionable to the municipalities.

Mr. Bliss called attention to the fact that in years past legislation was passed exempting railroads from the payment of taxes upon property of certain class. With the Union of Municipalities in existence it would be impossible to pass such legislation. It was possible that the matter of having that law repealed would be considered by the union and the railways be compelled to pay their fair share of taxation.

Coun. McMullin had a high opinion of the value of the Union of Municipalities. He did not think York should withdraw from the union but that is what refusal to pay the expenses of delegates would amount to. He knew personally that it took at least a week to attend a meeting of the union and the expenses could not be covered by forty dollars. It was of utmost importance that affairs concerning the Municipalities should be watched closely and the union furnished an excellent means.

Coun. Skene, who had been a delegate to the Union, stated that he had been sceptical as to whether or not York County was deriving sufficient benefit from membership. He had been convinced that it was getting a return. The value of the Union in preventing improper legislation was great.

Coun. Walker, dealing with the remark of Secretary-Treasurer Bliss to the effect that railways assessed in other provinces and states were exempt in New Brunswick, asked if the exempt railways in this province gave any lower passenger-rates or freight-rates.

Secretary Bliss stated that he did not know but would venture to say that the C.P.R. or any other railway corporation never reduced rates without first being subjected to heavy pressure.

The Council then adjourned till 2 p.m.

Mr. Edward Menzies, a well known Mamich guide, is in the city.

Mr. William Russell of Doaktown, is in the city today.

Premier Flemming is a guest at the Barker.

MARYSVILLE TOPICS

A Popular Wedding--Prentice Boys Installed--A New Society Organized--Oddfellows Install Officers--Personals of Interest

Marysville, Jan. 9.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Allen was the scene last evening of a very pretty but quiet wedding, when their daughter Maggie was united in marriage to Mr. William Finemore only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Finemore all of Marysville. Rev. J. W. Williams performed the ceremony, only a few of the relatives of the happy young couple being present.

At the regular meeting of the Victoria Lodge No. 23 P.A.P.B. held in Orange Hall, Tuesday night the following officers were duly installed by Past Master acting as installing officer.

W. M.—Robert Cain
D. M.—R. Manzer
Chap.—L. Youmans
F. S.—Benj. Fullerton
R. S.—F. Collings
Treas.—D. E. Pickard
D. of C.—William Boyce
Inside Guard—Fred Taylor
Outside Guard—Roy Collings

Miss Laura White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne White and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias White is doing excellent work in Saskatchewan where she has accepted a position as teacher in a large school there. Miss White was formerly on the teaching staff of the Marysville board and was very popular among the children as well as their parents. Her many friends will be delighted to hear of her success. Miss Minnie Day another popular Marysville young lady who has also taught school in her native town, is doing well in Guelph, Ont., where she is taking a course at the Macdonald School of Domestic Science.

A new society has been organized in connection with the Sabbath School of the Methodist Church. It is known as the Aid Society with the following officers in charge for the ensuing term.

Hon. President—Mrs Thomas Hicks
President—Mrs John Gibson
Vice-Presidents—Mrs A. G. Robinson, Mrs G. Lennie Inch, Mrs W. H. Gray.

Secretary—Miss Jones
Treas.—Miss Minnie Titus.
The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs John Gibson and a delightful evening was spent. Refreshments were served. The Society will meet on the first Monday of each month and on Tuesdays during the rest of the month.

The officers of Nashwaak Lodge No. 72 I.O.O.F. duly installed last night by E. B. Staples, D.D.G.M., assisted by Alex. Sinnott as D.D.G. Marshal and a large delegation of Past Grand from Victoria Lodge No. 13 I.O.O.F. of Fredericton. N.G.—Thomas McDowell, P.G. V. G.—Rev. J. W. Williams. R. Sec.—A. D. MacPherson, P.G. F. Sec.—Geo. A. Tarley, P.G. Treas.—S. J. Hallett, P.G. Warden—W. H. Gray, P.G. Con.—H. P. Lint, P.G. Chap.—C. A. Smith, P.G. R.S.N.G.—Greenman Gilbert, P.G.

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The Pollard Opera Company scored another big success in "The Mikado" at the Opera House last evening. There was a large and representative audience and the greatest appreciation was manifested. It was one of the most successful musical comedies ever seen here and all who took part acquitted themselves well. Teddy McNamara as the Lord High Executioner was a whole show in himself. Mr. Pollard, Miss Pollard, Miss Hill and others also took their parts exceedingly well. "Sergeant Brue" will be the bill for this evening and those who want to indulge in a good laugh should not fail to attend.

WESTERN STOCKMEN TO DISCUSS CONDITIONS

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 9.—The present condition and future outlook of the stock raising industry, and incidentally some of the principal reasons for the existing high price of meats, are to be discussed here next week at a notable conference of farmers and cattle raisers representing the West and Southwest. The gathering is to be held under the auspices of the American National Live Stock Association. In the official call for the conference the association points to the situation as being acute because of the fact that there is less live stock per capita in the country than ever before, and that on account of the limited supply of such stock there will undoubtedly be an attempt by the next Congress to place all the products of the farmer and stockman on a fixed list. Action will be urged by the conference for securing enactment of national laws that will give the use of the grazing lands of the public domain to cattle raisers on equitable terms.

THE JUSTICE ACCOUNTS.

The cost of the administration of justice in York County last year was \$1,497.68. This has been reduced by in the office of the registrar of deeds \$182.85, the amount of the surplus. The city's share of the expense will be \$1,499.22.

Hon. John Morrissey and Mr. J. V. Landry are guests at the Barker.

PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION FOR STATE OF IOWA

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 9.—Numerous measures of a progressive character are to be considered and acted upon by the thirty-fifth general assembly of Iowa which will continue here Monday. Governor Clarke is expected to endorse woman suffrage in his message and the supporters of the movement believe that the subject will receive the favorable consideration of the lawmakers. The Oregon of electing United States Senators is another progressive measure that will be introduced early in the session. Tax reform, presidential preference primaries, short ballot reform, workingmen's compensation, and a nine-hour day for women workers are other matters scheduled for attention. The first important business of the legislature after completing its organization will be the re-election of William S. Kenyon as United States Senator.

DEATH AT ENNISKILLEN.

The death of the late Mrs. C. E. Duplisa occurred at her home at Enniskillen Station on Saturday morning, January 4th, after a lingering illness. Deceased was 60 years old. Besides a sorrowing husband she is survived by four sons: Charles A., of Springfield, Mass.; Charles B., of Attleboro, Mass.; Wilbur N., of Hoyt, N.B., and Ernest G., of Gasperaux, N.B., and two daughters, Mrs. Levena Clark, of Fredericton, and Mrs. James W. Hamm of St. John West. The funeral was held on